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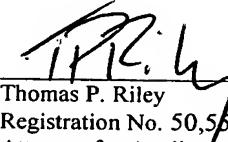
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Bryan L. Ackerman)
Serial No.: 10/608,684)
Filed: June 27, 2003)
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FOR APPLICATION OF A)
MATERIAL TO A SUBSTRATE)
Group Art Unit: 1734)
Examiner: Laura Edwards)
Atty. Docket No.: J-3743)

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AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office action dated September 9, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 13 of this paper.